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Secretary Shelley Releases Latest Report of Registration; Announces Re-Qualification of Peace and Freedom Party

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today released the latest Report of Registration summarizing how the 15,168,263 registered voters have chosen to affiliate themselves politically. Shelley also announced that he has certified the re-qualification of the Peace and Freedom Party as an official political party in California.

Registration totals for the seven qualified political parties as of February 10, 2003 are as follows:

American Independent	295,060	1.95%
Democratic	6,733,858	44.39%
Green	156,803	1.03%
Libertarian	89,356	0.59%
Natural Law	42,656	0.28%
Peace and Freedom	79,462	0.52%
Republican	5,341,974	35.22%
Declined to State	2,324,439	15.32%

A political party seeking to qualify must file a formal notice to the Secretary of State that they intend to gain or regain party qualification. The number of registered voters required to qualify a political party is 77,389 or one percent of the entire vote of the state at the last preceding gubernatorial election.

The Peace and Freedom Party lost their qualified status in 1998. On November 29, 2002, they submitted their formal notice to re-qualify as a political party to the Secretary of State's Office. Based on the data submitted by the counties in the February 10, 2003 Report of Registration, the Peace and Freedom Party has 79,462 registered voters in their party. Therefore, the Peace and Freedom Party has re-qualified as a political party.

The detailed report can be found on line at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_u.htm
For hard copies of the February 10, 2003 Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916/653-6575.